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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Hiraku Murayama et al.

Application No.: 10/802,869

Filing Date: March 18, 2004

Title: GUIDE WIRE AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE GUIDE WIRE

) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

) Group Art Unit: 3736

) Examiner: JEFFREY GERBEN
) HOEKSTRA

) Confirmation No.: 5448

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$ 65 ☐ \$ 130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: Response to Election of Species Requirement
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$ 395 ☐ \$ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ on _____ for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	0	20	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	0	3	0	x \$ 200 (1201)	0
<input type="checkbox"/> If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 360 (1203)					\$ 0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0


- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2007, having a one-month shortened statutory response period, in which this response is being timely filed, the following remarks are submitted.

The aforementioned Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to two patentably distinct sets of species. As identified in the Official Action, the two sets of species are as follows:

Set I: Species A: embodiment drawn to Figure 1

Species B: embodiment drawn to Figure 2

Species C: embodiment drawn to Figures 3 and 4

Set II: Species AA: embodiment drawn to Figure 5

Species BB: embodiment drawn to Figure 6

Species CC: embodiment drawn to Figure 7.

Based on the observation that the two sets of species are distinct from one another, an election of species has been imposed requiring an election of one of the two embodiments.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Set I, Species A and Set II, Species AA. Applicants designate claims 1 -14 and 26-32 as readable thereon and respectfully contend that independent claims 1, 12, 13 and 14 are generic to each of the identified species.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions prior to the issuance of the present application as a patent.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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